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SUBJECT: TAIWAN CONFIRMS ADHERENCE TO 12 CT CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS

1. (SBU) Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on March 4 provided AIT official documentation confirming Taipei's adherence to the 12 international counterterrorism (CT) conventions and protocols. In December 2004, the Counterterrorism Action Group (CTAG) requested AIT verify that Taiwan is in compliance with the 12 CT conventions and protocols. Via e-mail, AIT provided Washington with MOFA's interim response that said Taiwan is not permitted to be a signatory of the 12 conventions and protocols due to its international isolation. MOFA officials, however, have assured AIT that Taiwan is committed unilaterally to follow the 12 convention and protocol guidelines and would provide AIT formal documentation of its compliance for passage to the CTAG. AIT will forward copies of MOFA's response to the CTAG for review.
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